Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 20 May 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 21 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 20 May 2022 at 02:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of rain and subsequent clearance on Friday. High for changeable weather over the weekend but low for extent of rain or showers on a daily basis.

Headline for Friday 20 May 2022: Mostly dry start but showery rain spreading east. Breezy.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 20 May 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	60%	60%	40%	20%

Forecast for Friday 20 May 2022

Weather: Mostly dry in the morning but some low cloud and showery rain pushing into the west coast ranges. Then thickening cloud and outbreaks of rain developing more widely during the afternoon, some of this will be heavy and possibly thundery at times. Drier and clearer weather will spread from the west from late afternoon onwards, although some uncertainty in the timing of this. A few showers still likely in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, becoming 30% for a few hours in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 700 metres over ranges near west coast, otherwise summits mostly cloud free elsewhere in the morning. Cloud will become somewhat more extensive as rain arrives in the afternoon, down to 600 to 900 metres, but this becoming less widespread as the rain clears later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	36/42 S	35/43 S	31/39 S	21/28 SW	21/28 SW	22/28 SW	24/31 SW
900	33/39 S	33/41 S	30/38 S	21/28 SW	21/27 SW	21/27 SW	23/30 SW
600	24/30 S	24/32 S	23/31 S	17/24 SW	16/23 SW	16/22 SW	17/24 SW
300	3/24 S	9/30 S	8/29 S	7/22 SW	7/22 SW	6/22 SW	7/24 SW
Glen	12/26 S	12/25 S	13/25 S	10/19 SW	9/18 SW	8/19 SW	9/21 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-3	5/-2	5/-1	5/-0	4/-1	4/-2	3/-3
900	5/-2	5/-1	6/-0	6/1	5/-0	4/-1	4/-2
600	7/2	8/3	8/3	8/4	7/4	7/3	6/2
300	10/10	10/9	10/8	10/8	10/8	9/7	8/6
Glen	12/10	13/10	12/10	12/10	12/10	11/9	10/8
Freezing Level*	1600m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1500m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong winds at summit level leading to notable wind chill, and drenching conditions in afternoon rain

Forecast for Saturday 21 May 2022
Weather: After a dry start outbreaks of rain will spread from the southwest by the end of the morning. The rest of the day will be cloudy with rain at times, this turning persistent across Wester Ross and Lochaber by evening. Ranges towards the Moray coast are likely to see less rain and more in the way of dry weather.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25 to 35 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance across the northeast of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud down to 700 metres across western and southern ranges at first, this lifting on to summits by the end of the morning. Low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres becoming extensive across the south and west of the region in the afternoon and evening, but patchy in nature across Caithness and Easter Ross.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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